



TOWN OF WHITCHURCH-STOUFFVILLE "Country Lifestyle Close To The City"

2005 INTERIM PROPERTY TAX BILLS

PUBLIC NOTICE

1st Installment Due - February 18, 2005
2nd Installment Due - April 22, 2005

INTERIM TAX bills have now been mailed. Ratepayers who have not received their bills should contact the Municipal Tax Department as soon as possible. Failure to receive a tax bill does not eliminate the responsibility for payment of taxes or the penalty charges for late payment.

TAX PAYMENTS may be made by mail, or in person at the Town Office, 37 Sandiford Drive, 4th Floor, and at most Financial Institutions through tellers, banking machines and by telephone. Banking fees may apply. After hours, tax payments may be made in the drop box at the front west entrance door of the Imperial Building (37 Sandiford Drive).

APPEALING THE CURRENT MARKET VALUE ASSESSMENT on your property must be done before the deadline of **March 31, 2005**. Please direct questions regarding assessments to the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) at 1-866-296-6722. Appeal forms are available at the Town offices.

When paying tax installments by Telephone, Internet and Bank Machines, please ensure that the **ROLL NUMBER AS SHOWN ON YOUR TAX BILL** is used.

VACANCY REBATE APPLICATIONS are available at the Town offices during business hours, for any commercial or industrial properties that have been vacant for 90 consecutive days. The deadline for submitting the application for the 2004 taxation year is **February 28, 2005**.

Ruth Armstrong,
Tax Collector AMCT, CMTC.

COUNCIL IN COMMITTEE MEETING

MARCH 22nd 7:00PM

Consideration of the Report:

Long Term Fiscal Impact Assessment of Growth 2005 to 2014

At the March 22nd, 2005 Council-in-Committee Meeting, Council will be considering a Report prepared by the Town's Financial Consultant, C.N. Watson & Associates, entitled Long Term Fiscal Impact Assessment of Growth: 2005 to 2014. This Report outlines the future capital and operating expenditures of the Municipality with respect to the provision of services and infrastructure required over the time period of 2005 to 2014, and, the implications on the financial capacity of the Town to fund the various programs. A copy of the revised and consolidated Fiscal Impact Report will be available for public review after March 3rd. Copies of the Report will be available for public review at the Clerk's Department, Town Municipal Offices, 37 Sandiford Drive, 4th Floor, and, the Whitchurch-Stouffville Public Library, 30 Burkholder Street.

The Meeting will be convened in the Council Chambers, 37 Sandiford Drive, 4th Floor commencing at 7:00 p.m. Members of the Public are encouraged to attend and participate in the discussions.

TOWN OF WHITCHURCH-STOUFFVILLE TENDER WS-T-05-03

Sealed tenders, in the envelope provided, clearly marked as to the contents, will be received by the Town Clerk's Department, Civic Centre, 37 Sandiford Drive, Stouffville, Ontario L4A 7X5 until 3:00 p.m.

March 23, 2005 for

Grass Cutting Services in the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville for the 2005 and 2006 Season

Tender documents may be obtained from the Town Clerk's Department after March 3, 2005 at the above-mentioned address, between 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday. If further information is required, please contact Rob Raycroft, Manager of Facilities and Parks, at (905)640-1910, ext. 290.

The Corporation of the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville reserves the right to accept or reject any Tender and also reserves the right to accept other than the lowest Tender.

TOWN OF WHITCHURCH-STOUFFVILLE RFP-05-08

Sealed Request for Proposal documents, in the envelope provided, clearly marked as to the contents, will be received by the Town Clerk's Department, Civic Centre, 37 Sandiford Drive, Stouffville, Ontario L4A 7X5 until 3:00 p.m.

March 23, 2005 for

Concession Services at the Lebovic Leisure Centre and Whitchurch-Stouffville Public Library

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COMMERCIAL POLICY STRATEGY FOR THE COMMUNITY OF STOUFFVILLE

Public Information Session

Tuesday March 29th, 2005 7:00 p.m.

Council Chambers, 37 Sandiford Drive, 4th Floor

We would welcome your input ... please join us for a discussion on the future commercial / retail structure for the Community of Stouffville.

At the March 1st, 2005 Council-in-Committee Meeting, a Report prepared by Staff entitled Discussion Paper: A Commercial Policy Strategy for the Community of Stouffville was filed for consideration by Council. This Report was subsequently received by Council as a 'draft' Report with the objective that Staff would then embark upon a consultation process to solicit input from key stakeholders, the business community, and, the public-at-large on the matters discussed in the Report. Staff are to return to the April 19th, 2005 Council-in-Committee Meeting with a revised Report which reflects the outcome arising from the consultation process. Any site specific development applications that would benefit from the conclusions of the Commercial Policy Strategy may also be brought forward at that meeting or immediately thereafter for Council's review and formal consideration.

On Tuesday March 29th, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. Staff from the Development Services Department will be hosting a Public Information Session to discuss the 'draft' Commercial Policy Strategy. The Public Information Session will be convened in the Council Chambers, Town Municipal Offices, 37 Sandiford Drive, 4th Floor. The Information Session will commence with a presentation by Staff which will provide an overview of the Commercial Policy Strategy. At the conclusion of the presentation, a question / answer period will follow. The Public Information Session is not a Council Meeting. No decisions will be made at that time. This session represents the community's opportunity to identify expectations in terms of commercial / retail requirements for the Town, and, to provide input on where this form of development should occur. Please plan to attend ... we welcome your input and thoughts!

The Commercial Policy Strategy has been pursued by the Town because three separate commercial proposals which require approvals under the Planning Act affecting lands within the Community of Stouffville have been filed with the Municipality. Each of the three proposals contains "big box" retailers in association with restaurant and other commercial uses. It is the Municipality's perspective that, rather than assessing the individual applications in isolation, a comprehensive overview and assessment of the factors affecting the commercial / retail structure are properly considered. This broader assessment would ensure that: the existing commercial districts are protected; emerging opportunities are identified; and, best management practices in terms of site design are properly accounted for. Based upon this review, Council would then be in a stronger position to assess the merits of the individual applications and to render a decision accordingly.

A copy of the Discussion Paper: A Commercial Policy Strategy for the Community of Stouffville is available for public inspection at the Whitchurch-Stouffville Library, 30 Burkholder Street, or, at the Development Services Department, Town Municipal Offices, 37 Sandiford Drive, 4th Floor, during regular business hours.

For more information about the 'draft' Commercial Policy Strategy or the upcoming Public Information Session, please contact Mr. Andrew McNeely, Manager of Planning Services at (905) 640-1910 ext. 270 or via email at andrew.mcneely@townofws.com

USER FEE BY-LAW

At the March 22, 2005 Council Meeting user fee by-law #200-247-FI will be under review, will possible revisions.

ON-STREET PARKING

In accordance with By-law 2002-085-TR, no person shall park any vehicle on any highway under the jurisdiction of the Town between the hours of 2:00 am to 5:00 am from and including December 1st to March 31st.

The co-operation of residents is requested in order to facilitate winter maintenance activities on our streets.

LIBRARY PROGRAMS

The Great Giza Pyramids of Egypt
Tuesday, March 8, 7:30 - 8:30 pm
Presented by Clive Ross, author of
106: the Dawn of Man
Admission is Free

AQUATIC LEADERSHIP COURSES

Drop by the Lebovic Leisure Centre to register for these upcoming Aquatic Leadership Courses...

National Lifeguard Service (NLS)

Fri., Sat., Sun. March 11, 12, 13 and March 18, 19, 20, 2005
Friday - 6:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Saturday/Sunday - 11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Pre-requisites: 16 years of age, Bronze Cross and Standard

First Aid Fee: \$160 Barcode #: 5133

AED Recertification

Sunday March 20, 2005, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Fee: \$50, Barcode #: 4911

Standard First Aid Recertification

Thursday March 24, 2005, 4:00 - 10:00 p.m.

Fee: \$60, Barcode #: 5114

NLS Recertification

Saturday March 26, 2005, 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Fee: \$60, Barcode #: 4998

Red Cross Instructor Recertification

Sunday March 27, 2005, 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Fee: \$60, Barcode #: 5111

WHITCHURCH STOUFFVILLE MUSEUM

**Wednesday to Friday, March 16-18
9:30 - 11:30 a.m.**

Join us for our March Break program for children ages 8-14. The program will consist of three half-days and a light snack will be served each day. Children will explore a variety of heritage activities and crafts and will complete several projects, including a pinwheel toy, woven ribbon card, and a funky Easter Egg. Participants will also spend part of their time in the Brown House, cooking in our working 19th century kitchen.

PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.

COST: \$25.00 per three day session (Members' rate: \$20.00)

TO REGISTER, call 905-727-8954 or toll free at 1-888-290-0337.

The Whitchurch-Stouffville Museum is located at 14732 Woodbine Avenue in the village of Vandorf - between the Aurora and the Bloomington Roads

"Mohawk Trail" Quilting Workshop

A heritage craft workshop for adults

Wednesdays, March 2 & 9, 2005

Choose between mornings or evenings

10:00 - 12:00 a.m. or 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Take a trip down the "Mohawk Trail" at the Whitchurch-Stouffville Museum. This quilting workshop will show you how to hand piece straight lines and curves. Your finished blocks will be hand-quilted and can be made into a wall hanging or pillow cover. Everything you need can be carried in one small bag. No machines needed! Join us for two relaxing sessions. Come see where the "Mohawk Trail" will lead.

Suitable for keen beginners. Pre-registration is required.

Fee: \$40.00 (Members' rate: \$32.00)

Call for supplies list (Templates, quilt needles and batting provided.) Light refreshments will be served.

To register call 905 727-8954 or toll free 1 888 290-0337.



FAIRNESS

I will treat others in a just, equitable and unbiased manner.